

in 2012, the Bureau estimated that a voluntary survey maintaining the current reliability would cost taxpayers an additional \$120 million each year.

A voluntary response survey would especially undermine our information about rural areas and low-income households. The Census Project estimates that with the change proposed by this amendment, the Bureau could not publish data for up to 40 percent of all counties in the country.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to look beyond the quick headline or talking point, and truly understand the importance of the American Community Survey.

For policymakers, for researchers, for businesses—this data set helps answer our most pressing questions.

This misguided amendment will undermine the ACS and deprive all Americans of this critically important information.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
JAMES WARREN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, it brings me sadness and honor to pay final tribute to Lieutenant Colonel James Warren, USAF (Retired). He died Saturday, May 17, 2014, of cancer in Vacaville, California. He was 90.

James served 35 years in the United States Air Force during World War II, Korea and Vietnam as a Tuskegee Airman, the first African American aviators in the United States Armed Forces. During his distinguished career, James flew over 12,000 hours and 173 combat missions. He was the first navigator to bring home a group of American POWs from North Vietnam aboard "Homecoming One," and flew the Apollo 14 crew from splashdown near American Samoa back to the Manned Space Center in Houston, Texas. Throughout this extensive career James was awarded numerous medals for his exceptional service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

James Warren was a man of humble beginnings, born on August 16, 1923, into the racially segregated world of Gurley, Alabama. His mother worked hard to save enough money to buy him a bus ticket to Highland Park, Illinois, when he was 15 years old.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the aviation cadet program, arriving at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama in November of 1942. Soon after in March of 1943, James was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force, later graduating from Hondo Navigation School in August of 1944 and assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group, Medium.

Unfortunately despite his extensive military accomplishments, James' biggest battles were to break down the barriers of segregation. In 1945, James and his fellow African American members of the 477th attempted to integrate an all-white Officers' Club at Freeman Army Air Field. The incident led to the arrest of 102 officers, including one of its instrumental lead-

ers, Lt Col Warren. This incidence is generally regarded by Civil Rights historians as a seminal moment in the drive toward full integration of the Armed Forces and later as a model for civil disobedience of the Civil Rights Movement.

For seven decades, Lt Col Warren was a living legend as a proud American, a decorated veteran, and as both a member and representative of the valiant Tuskegee Airmen. Even in retirement James continued his selfless service, tirelessly promoting the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen and all African American participation in armed conflicts across the globe and sharing his infectious passion for flight with the next generation of Vacaville youth.

The challenges he faced, fought for, and overcame are a true inspiration.

I invite my colleagues to join me as I offer my condolences to his loving family, Xanthia, his wife of 61 years, and sons, James, Stewart and Dwayne and daughter, Sharron. He will be greatly missed. His legacy will live on as a source of inspiration for generations to come.

I wish Lieutenant Colonel James Warren "high flight."

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ANNANDALE-SPRINGFIELD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield (SCAS) and to thank its volunteers for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community. Established in 2004 by a coalition of religious institutions, foundations and non-profits, SCAS is a non-profit interfaith organization that provides services to help older adults continue living independently. SCAS also offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

The services and programs offered by this extraordinary organization help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society. SCAS volunteers provide transportation for seniors who need rides to medical appointments and other essential activities, "Handy Helper" services for seniors who need help with basic household tasks, and "Friendly Calls" to home-bound seniors. Social and enrichment programs include bi-monthly luncheons featuring musical programs or guest speakers, day trips to local areas of interest, and educational seminars.

Last year, SCAS volunteers, board members and staff devoted approximately 2800 hours of their time to serve our seniors. Drivers provided 253 rides for local seniors, taking them mostly to medical appointments. More than 225 lunches were served at six Lunch N' Life programs. 63 seniors enjoyed day trips to

local attractions, and 86 attended seven-week sessions of Adventures in Learning on subjects such as A History of the Early Christian Church, The Civil War, Going Green, The War of 1812 and other Lesser Known Wars, Up In Space and Under the Sea, and other topics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd Center of Annandale-Springfield for the services which enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers and sponsors who generously dedicate their time, efforts and resources to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN ANGELO "ABE" BARONE FOR RECEIPT OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Angelo "Abe" Barone, a native of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, for his outstanding military service during World War II. Mr. Barone served as a machine gunner with in the U.S. Army's 80th Division in the European theater. He bravely fought in seven battles, including the Battle of Normandy, and helped in liberating France from Nazi occupation. On September 5, 1944, Mr. Barone was injured in combat and captured the following day by German forces. He was held as a prisoner of war for eight months.

In recognition of his heroic service on French soil, Mr. Barone was named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor by France. Mr. Barone received the medal from Consul General of France Olivier Serot Alm  ras at a ceremony at the French Embassy in Washington, DC on May 8, 2014. He was one of 15 veterans to receive the honor. The Legion of Honor, created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is the highest military distinction offered by France.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Barone for his courageous service during the Second World War. And I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Barone for his having been designated a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.

IN MEMORY OF DR. MAYA
ANGELOU

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of an exceptional individual whom I had the distinct pleasure to meet—a great artist and compassionate intellectual, Dr. Maya Angelou. With extraordinary compassion, Dr. Angelou used her art to portray communities, conditions, and individuals that were often overlooked by mainstream society.

Dr. Angelou's wisdom and eloquence inspired countless people around the world to better understand themselves and their neighbors. Dr. Angelou was also an influence and friend to many leaders throughout her life; an unyielding advocate for tolerance, equality, justice, and integrity in the face of intractable intolerance.

Mr. Speaker, we bid farewell to a singular voice and world renowned poet. However, we can all find solace in the certainty that Dr. Angelou's timeless works and example will inspire generations to come. Her spirit will continue to animate her words and her life will remain a testament to the power of perseverance.

WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC
EDUCATION AWARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Willard Public School District on being named one of the Nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

Chris Church has served as the band director for 32 years at Willard High School. Out of 1,200 students who attend Willard High School, more than 500 are involved in band, choir or both, with more still involved in other fine arts programs such as visual arts and theater.

Willard was one of three schools from Missouri to be honored. While other school districts' music programs are hit with cutbacks, music education funding has been protected at Willard.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers, students, administrators and the community of Willard for the support they have provided.

I am honored to recognize Willard Public School District on their efforts which led to the community being named one of the Nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 254. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. BARLETTA. Madam Chair, I speak today in support of H.R. 4660, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2015.

Though we are not voting on a perfect piece of legislation, which rarely is the case, I will enthusiastically support this measure because I believe it accomplishes a number of goals that are very important to me and my constituents back home in the 11th District of Pennsylvania.

As was highlighted in a recent lengthy story in the New York Times, my home town of Hazleton is just like many cities of its size across the country—it is home to a persistent and growing heroin problem. And just recently, Pennsylvania's attorney general teamed up with a variety of law enforcement agencies to run Operation Rising Star, which was aimed at cracking down on the illegal drug trade. That's why I am pleased that the bill recognizes the recent surge in heroin use, overdose deaths, and trafficking, and encourages the Drug Enforcement Agency to increase its use of task forces to address the increasing heroin epidemic.

And, Madam Chair, as we all know, where there are illegal drugs, there will be gangs. I've been working closely on a bipartisan approach to gangs in my district, with Democratic State Senator John Yudichak, through a program called "Operation Gang-Up," which seeks to educate parents, educators, students, and communities about the dangers of gangs, warning signs of gang activity, and prevention techniques. At my request this bill, in addition to funding the FBI's Safe Streets Task Forces and the National Gang Intelligence Center, allocates \$10 million for regional task forces. In this way, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies can continue to do the important work of attacking gangs where they live and grow, and protect our children and neighborhoods.

And speaking of protecting our neighborhoods and public safety, I think it's worth noting that this bill calls on the Department of Justice to investigate discretionary enforcement decisions of the Department of Homeland Security. This is particularly relevant given the recent news that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency had released more than 36,000 illegal immigrant inmates who had been found guilty of a total of almost 88,000 crimes. Those crimes included 116 homicides, 43 counts of voluntary manslaughter, and one classified as 'homicide-willful kill-public official-gun.' We should know more about why dangerous criminals have been released into our neighborhoods.

Reforming immigration laws has been the center of a lot of talk in Washington these days, and most of that has to do with the millions of illegal immigrants who are already present. One part of that discussion that is usually left out is how local governments must deal with illegal immigrants who are arrested and incarcerated in local jails and prisons.

Just this March, the Times Leader newspaper of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania reported that my home county, Luzerne County, housed 184 illegal immigrants in the county's correctional facility last year, costing taxpayers

more than \$1.7 million. The county was reimbursed through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program—not the full amount, mind you, but about \$130,000. Unfortunately, the President's budget proposal would entirely zero out that funding, leaving localities like Luzerne County stuck with the whole bill for locking up illegal immigrants who had broken the law. Let us remember that these are illegal immigrants who would not be around to break the law in our communities if the Federal Government were doing its job enforcing our borders and immigration laws in the first place. Also at my request, this CJS bill restores that funding, and in fact increases it by \$30 million, to a total of \$210 million. This is by no means a full reimbursement, but it is an improvement, and it is certainly better than the President's proposal to defund the program altogether.

Madam Chair, the CJS appropriations bill also places greater emphasis on programs that protect women from violence and exploitation. It contains \$425.5 million for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution programs, representing an increase above existing funding and an amount above the President's request. We will also build on efforts to combat sex trafficking by providing a landmark increase in Victims of Trafficking grants of four times the President's requested amount. All U.S. Attorneys will have to participate in an anti-trafficking task force, and the Department of Justice will be required to continue collecting evidence of 'honor violence' against women in this country.

There are a great many items to be pleased with in this funding bill, Madam Chair. I have mentioned but a few of them, but there are many others with which I agree—increased emphasis on STEM Education, the continued prohibition against the transfer or release of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States, dedication to Lyme Disease research, and youth mentoring programs.

The bill contains \$51.2 billion in funding by prioritizing programs and spending, and saves more than \$398 million over the enacted fiscal year 2014 level.

I urge passage of the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DAILY BREAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 30th Anniversary of Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread (ODB) is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is combating hunger and poverty in Fairfax County, Virginia.

The organization began in 1984 as a temporary homeless shelter that rotated among several churches in the area. As permanent organizations and programs developed to assist the homeless in Fairfax County, ODB recognized a need that was going unmet—serving those families who, while not homeless, were in financial crisis and in danger of "falling through the cracks." ODB's leadership observed that many people work hard but live paycheck-to-paycheck. Any kind of unexpected expense, such as a car repair, rent hike, or medical cost can throw them into a financial crisis.